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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. OMAR).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 15, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ILHAN OMAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

We stand before You, God Almighty, orienting ourselves to You, the giver and preserver of all life.

We offer our prayers and ourselves at the beginning of this new legislative week. Prepare and equip us to serve You faithfully, that by Your mercy, where we find ourselves in the days to come, and what we do in committee, in conversation, and in this Congress, would be ever defined by who You are and what You intend.

You have called us to be strong. Uphold us by Your mighty power. So may we be willing and able to take a stand against all things contrary to Your design. You have called us to be courageous. Encourage us by Your steadfast presence. So may we dare to face down the forces that attempt to compete with Your rule, Your authority, and Your power over and Your desire for Your creation.

For You, O Lord, are the source of our strength, the motivation for our efforts, the reason for our lives, and the hope of our salvation.

May our life today and our attitude for the week ahead, in both word and

deed, reflect the righteousness You have bestowed on us and reveal the love You have shown to us.

In Your sovereign name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. COHEN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

AMERICA IS ON THE MOVE AGAIN

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, today is a major day. Not as major as the day we had about 10 days ago when the House passed, with bipartisan support, the bipartisan infrastructure bill, but we are going to have a bill signing in the White House in just a few minutes by President Biden.

This is a big deal. We passed a bill that President Trump couldn't pass with a Republican Congress and without a Republican Congress. President

Biden and this Congress passed it. It is going to mean road repairs, bridge repairs, airport additions, bridge observations and repairs. Ports in our country will be improved. Broadband will be extended. The electric grid will be improved; people will get access. This is what used to be bipartisan—people working together to get the infrastructure of our country that moves goods to ports, goods to people, makes our country tick, helps business, puts jobs together.

This is an important bill. The Democratic Congress with 13 Republicans passed it. It is a great day to celebrate. America is on the move again.

CORRECT COURSE AND SAVE AMERICA

(Mr. MCCARTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, we are just days away from voting on a 2,000-page bill that will very likely cost \$4 trillion; a bill that the White House Chief of Staff recently bragged, "twice as big in real dollars as the New Deal was."

Can you imagine that? Let that sink in: 2,000 pages, \$4 trillion, twice as big in real dollars as the New Deal was. Given its size, scope, given its unquestionable impact on American life, the American people deserve an honest, transparent debate about its true cost and content.

Yet, here we are, and not one Member of this House can honestly say they have analyzed, studied, or reviewed it. We know this because the Congressional Budget Office has made it clear that they won't have the final analysis on how much the bill costs until Friday, at the earliest. But even without the CBO report, we already have a pretty clear idea that the final price tag will be far more expensive than what Democrats are claiming.

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